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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent is enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

No statement, petition, or fee is believed to be due with this Information Disclosure Statement inasmuch as it is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP Section 609 page 600-124 (August 2001)).

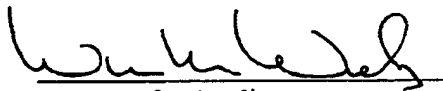
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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